

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 889
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Jerry Lee Jarvis of
Shelby County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable Tennesseans who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Lee Jarvis is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, his dedicated community service has distinguished Mr. Jarvis as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community and this State; and

WHEREAS, born on Christmas Day in 1943 in Wellston, Ohio, he is the fifth child and the fourth son of Elmer Richard and Betty Maxine Jarvis and first arrived in Shelby County in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jarvis stopped his formal education in the fifth grade in order to help his mother with the difficult job of raising her nine children; he thus began his professional career at the young age of fifteen when he accepted a position as a cook earning twenty-five cents per hour; and

WHEREAS, from the start, he earned a reputation for hard work and integrity that would serve him well throughout his career; after three years as a cook, he began to teach himself the building trade; and

WHEREAS, over a period of three decades, he has earned the respect and admiration of his peers and clients through his work as a carpenter, laborer, framer, and builder; currently, he serves with acumen and alacrity as the Superintendent of Brad Rainey Homes, one of the largest home builders in the Tri-State area; and

WHEREAS, throughout his success, he has never forgotten the lessons he learned through his humble beginnings and has admirably given back to his profession and his community by teaching and training young people who are just embarking upon their careers; and

WHEREAS, he also devotes his time, considerable talents, and astute leadership to such entities as the Home Builders Association and the Memphis Jaycees, upon whose behalf he built the handicapped fishing bridge and benches at Shelby Farms, and he has a close relationship with the Shelby County Sheriff's Department and the Memphis Police Department, which he serves as a Senior Citizen Memphis Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, for his laudable efforts throughout his life, Mr. Jarvis has been honored many times, including by the Memphis Jaycees and former Mayor Bill Morris; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with the former Emily Charlotte Morgan, whom he met in March 1965 and joined in holy matrimony on December 4 of that year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jarvis is the loving father of four sons, Jerry Mark, Daniel Lee, Christopher Lynn, and William Matthew, and the proud grandfather of eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, he has been a member of the United Pentecostal Church for twenty-eight years and continuously reaches out to his community and witnesses for his Lord; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Lee Jarvis' remarkable life and success as a community leader are directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jarvis is wholly committed to the noble precepts that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State", and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor Jerry Lee Jarvis for his many contributions to his community and this State, salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to him our wishes for much continued happiness and success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.